

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An ATV comprising:
 - a frame;
 - only four wheels suspended from the frame, two of which are rear wheels and two of which are front wheels, the front wheels defining a front axis and the rear wheels defining the rear axis and each of the wheels includes an ATV-type tire;
 - a power unit for driving at least one of the wheels disposed on the frame;
 - a straddle-type seat supported by the frame including a main seat portion for a driver and a secondary seat portion, rearward of the main portion, for a standard passenger; and
 - a steering member connected to the frame comprising a handlebar for steering at least one of the wheels,
 - wherein the straddle-type seat is constructed and arranged such that, in use, a center of gravity of the passenger sitting in a standard riding position on the secondary seat portion is disposed in front of the rear axis.
2. The ATV of claim 1, wherein the distance between the front and the rear axes is between 52 and 72 inches.
3. The ATV of claim 2, wherein the straddle-type seat is constructed and arranged such that, in use, the center of gravity is disposed in front of the rear axis by between 1 and 19 inches.

4. The ATV of claim 3, wherein the straddle-type seat is constructed and arranged such that, in use, the center of gravity is disposed in front of the rear axis by between 4 and 19 inches.

5. The ATV of claim 4, wherein the straddle-type seat is constructed and arranged such that, in use, the center of gravity is disposed in front of the rear axis by between 5 and 19 inches.

6. The ATV of claim 2, wherein the straddle-type seat is constructed and arranged such that, in use, a ratio of a distance between the front axis and the center of gravity to a distance between the center of gravity and the rear axis is less than 13.

7. The ATV of claim 6, wherein the ratio is less than 11.

8. The ATV of claim 7, wherein the ratio is less than 9.

9. The ATV of claim 6, wherein the ration is between 2 and 13.

10. An ATV comprising:

a frame;

only four wheels suspended from the frame, two of which are rear wheels and two of which are front wheels, the front and rear wheels having front and rear axes and each of the wheels includes an ATV-type tire;

a power unit for driving at least one of the wheels disposed on the frame;

a straddle-type seat including a main seat portion for a driver and a secondary seat portion, rearward of the main portion, for a passenger; and

a steering member connected to the frame comprising a handlebar for steering at least one of the wheels, wherein the straddle-type seat is constructed and arranged such that, in use, a center of gravity of the driver sitting in a standard riding position on the main seat portion is disposed in front of the rear axis by at least 13 inches.

11. The ATV of claim 10, wherein the distance between the front and the rear axes is between 52 and 72 inches.

12. The ATV of claim 11, wherein the straddle-type seat is constructed and arranged such that, in use, the center of gravity is disposed in front of the rear axis by at least 15 inches.

13. The ATV of claim 12, wherein the straddle-type seat is constructed and arranged such that, in use, the center of gravity is disposed in front of the rear axis by at least 19 inches.

14. The ATV of claim 13, wherein the straddle-type seat is constructed and arranged such that, in use, the center of gravity is disposed in front of the rear axis by between 21 and 30 inches.